KERALA KALAMANDALAM—EXPENDITURE ON

168. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to give a detailed statement of expenditure incurred by Government for running the Kerala Kalamandalam, Cheruthuruthi, from the date of its assumption of management by the Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* A consolidated statement of expenditure for the months of Medam, Edavam and Mithunam is appended.

DEPRESSED CLASS PUPILS IN VARAVUR AND DESAMANGALAM SIRKAR MALAYALAM SCHOOLS

169. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കുഞ്ഞൻ; താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹു മാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും ദയവുചെയ്ത മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) വരവൂർ, ദേശമംഗലം എന്നീ പ്രദേശങ്ങളിലുള്ള സർക്കാർ മലയാളം സ്കൂളുകളിൽ അധഃകൃത വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ പഠിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എത്രപേർ:

(സി) പഠിക്കുന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ കാരണം പറയാമോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ:

(എ) ഉവ്വ്.

(ബി) ദേശമംഗലം മലയാളംസ്കൂൾ ൨൨
വരവൂർ ടി ൨൨.

(സി) ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

AQUEDUCT IN ALUR VILLAGE

170. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* With reference to question No. 317 dated 2nd April 1941, will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the nature of irrigation channels maintained by P. W. D.;

(*b*) from whom the information referred to in sub-division (*d*) was received;

(*c*) if it was received from the Assistant Engineer, Eastern Division, whether the correctness of his report has not been challenged;

(*d*) whether the Chief Engineer should not visit the place when reports submitted by his Assistants regarding the works which they ought to do are reported not to have been carried out satisfactorily and when

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resolutions passed at public meetings regarding such matters are forwarded to the Chief Engineer who is further requested by the public to visit the place and satisfy himself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Main irrigation canals are maintained by the P. W. D. Branch canals of irrigation systems such as the one under reference are not maintained by the department. They are expected to be maintained by the ryots.

(*b*) & (*c*) The information was supplied by the present Assistant Engineer, Eastern Division, who was newly transferred to that Division. This question was again verified by the Chief Engineer when he visited the locality. The Chira Watchman and the people of the locality stated that the cultivation of the *Mundakan* crop in the area under reference in 1116 was a success.

(*d*) The Chief Engineer is expected to inspect such works using of course, his discretion in the matter. In this particular case, complaints about some leakages in the water trough were received in the Chief Engineer's Office only after the cultivation had considerably advanced. It was then also impossible to attempt at any repairs to the trough without seriously endangering the water supply. Orders were immediately passed to get the repairs executed at the close of the cultivating season. The area benefited by this work was trifling and the executive officers of the Department were quite competent to handle this small work at the time.

171. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 320, dated 2nd April 1941.—

(*a*) the name of Government Department responsible for seeing that irrigation channels opened by Government are not slowly taken possession of by ryots on either side of them;

(*b*) whether blocking of irrigation channels opened by Government by some interested ryots so that they may get plentiful supply of water to the exclusion of other ryots is permitted by Government;

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(*c*) if not, the name of the department or officer responsible for seeing that irrigation channels opened by Government are not blocked by some interested parties exclusively for their own use;

(*d*) whether Government would allow filling up of irrigation channels opened by them while they continue to be useful to the ryots; and

(*e*) if not, the name of the officer or department for seeing that irrigation chals are not rendered useless by getting filled up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Both the P.W.D. and Revenue Departments.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Executive Officers of the P.W.D. and the Revenue Departments.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The Executive Officers of the P.W.D. and the Revenue Departments.

KARINGOLE CHIRA BUND—BREACH IN

172. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is leakage by percolation in the Karingole chira bund between Vadama and Puthen chira;

(*b*) whether Government have received any complaint from the public that the bund is not properly cemented underneath the surface;

(*c*) whether Government are aware that saline water percolates into the paddy fields through the bund and causes damage to the fields; and

(*d*) the date on which the Karingole chira sluice was opened at the out-break of the monsoon in the year 1116?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) There is now water on both sides of the Karingole chira bund leaving only about 6 inches height of bund above the water. Hence it is not possible now to state whether there is leakage by percolation.

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